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Dear Gary,

Thanks for the copies of the Stone/Haldeman/Nixon flap and your good letter to the paper.

If you are not aware of it the plots to kill Castro and specifically the one in which the CIA tried to use the mafia were White House-Eisenhower/ Nixon plots.

And there was that popular kick-back theory.

Nixon, according to E.Howard Hunt,was the action officer of the White House on all of that, including the Bay of Pigs.

However, the mafia plot was not secret long before the assassination. It got to be known when the bungler Maheu got to wire the bedroom of Dan Martin to get the sound effects with Phyllis McGuire was discovered by the maid and he was arrested.

He got off by saying if he went down he 'd not go down alone.

That got the sheriff to speak to the FBI. I have a fat FBI file on that if you know anyone who'd like to write about it. With no assassination connection.

Hunt dealt with Nixon as I recall his book.

I've never had a great interest in that but it occurs to me that there was a possible threat to the CIA because it was puffing up that kickback theory.

And it has no paper saying that its attempts to kill Castro were not its own idea. I have this from it.

My only opposition to Stone's JFK was he announced it was nonfiction and would do that with Garrison's book. Impossible. I wrote him two months before he started shooting and he ignored my letter. So, when I was given a copy of the script, I went public and got it firmly on record that his movie was not nonfiction. That was my purpose. I still offered him access to all I have and I declined a rather thinly hidden offer of a bribe. On this movie, if he did not hate me so and had been in touch, I could I am confident have given him the answer on those missing 18 1/2 minutes of that tape.

There are other CIA Watergate connections still not out and the CIA was aware of them. But I doubt very much that Nixon wanted any of that on his tapes. *

Thanks and have a good year,

Harold

*Aside from what he may have meant speaking of the Bay of Pigs thing of which we really know very little and that from Hunt. And the CIA did not remove that from his book/ But I do not believe Haldeman or Ehrlichman. I do believe DiMona. It is normal for proofs to be submitted for approval and correction. Publishers do not want libel suits. Defending a frivolous one can cost a fortune. And hurt sales. But if The Bay of Pigs thing was a code word for the JFK offing, that would have made Nixon an accessory which as a lawyer he knew. ...Livingstone has not done you or Mantik a favor in his atrocity of a Zapruder faking chapter, I've read a xerox of that.